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**H**ITOHIRA'S DAY OF THE THEATER GROUP'S BIG PLAY IS FINALLY HERE. RELUCTANTLY CAST IN THE LEAD ROLE, SUPER-SHY MUMI RORI WILL SOON FIND HERSELF IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE AND WILL HAVE TO FACE HER BIGGEST FEAR. ALTHOUGH SHE ENJOYS ACTING NOW AND DOESN'T WANT TO LET HER FRIENDS DOWN, HOW WILL SHE HOLD UP WHEN HER MOMENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT ARRIVES? AFTER THE PLAY, WHAT STAGE AWAITS MUMI NEXT?



*H*itohira

IDOMI  
KIRIHARA



3

AGES 13+  
TEEN







# Hitohira 3

IOUMI KIRIHARA

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• For This Day  
Chapter 16



# CHATTER











We have to figure out a backup plan to cover our butts.

What are we gonna do if Momo loses her voice on stage today?

That's secret.

I think it's best for you to sit this one out.

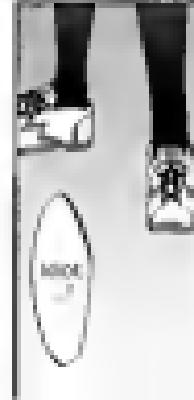
And after that?

If Momo's off stage and that happens, we gotta make it look like it's part of the play and get her off stage ASAP.

Momo's gonna be a real wild card.













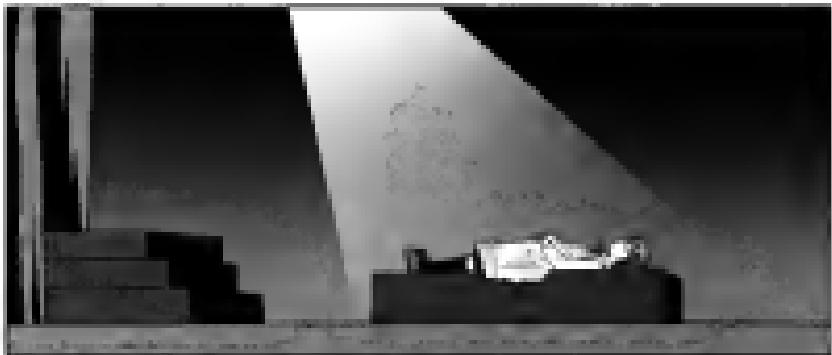






— while everybody else looks so happy

















The sign?!





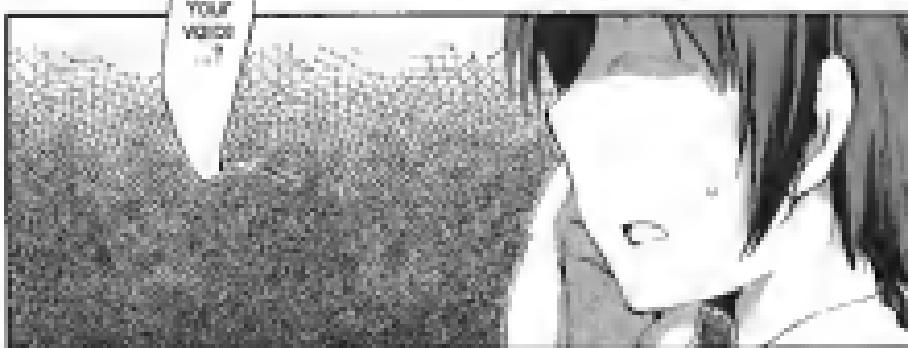




Only Me Now Chapter 17



SILENCE













A LINE.

I GOTTA SAY  
SOMETHIN'.



You've taught me,  
but I still  
don't know  
what I'd  
do...

Anything  
can happen  
up there...

And I know  
I'm gonna  
forget for  
sure...

If this would  
have happened  
anybody from  
now, I'd be  
off stage.

I know  
I'd love  
my voice  
in vain.

Even if you could  
have been born  
anywhere else,  
I would have  
been born here.  
This is my place.

...WHY  
DOES IT  
HAVE TO BE  
RIGHT NOW,  
OH STAGE?

BUT...



How if you could only apply that positivity to your acting. You wouldn't forget your lines.

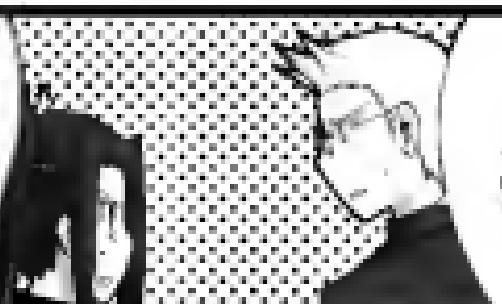
Mysterious  
Mug...

How can you be so positively unconfident?



SHE DOESN'T  
THE FAVOR  
OF SCOLDING  
ME...  
DITTA.

RIBANI  
Hornet...



OUR  
UNINTELLIGIBLE  
Babble IS BETTER  
FOR DISTRACTING  
THE AUDIENCE.  
REGGIE!

Rakka,  
YOU TEACH HER  
TO IMPROVISE.  
YOU'RE GOOD AT  
MAKING UP SOMETHING  
TALK OFF THE TOP OF  
YOUR HEAD.



He  
SUPPORTS ME,  
EVEN WHEN  
I DON'T  
REALIZE IT.

TAKAHIDE  
KANABE...





She's the  
sweet  
person that  
cares her.

When she's  
serious,  
she cuts up  
into a real



She can't  
possibly  
resist.



...but her  
voice can be  
powerful  
and her  
performance  
is sincere.



She's an  
amazing  
actor...



ALL OF  
THEIR...

...FOLLOWED  
ME HERE, AND  
BECAUSE OF  
THAT, I CAN BE  
ON STAGE, TOO.

MOMO

You  
know  
what?

I love  
you.

Hmm...  
What  
to do?



I got it...  
We can  
feed you  
like dogs to  
make you  
remember  
your life.

I DON'T CARE  
IF I LOSE  
MY VOICE...



If you  
HATE ME  
If we  
argue...



You GAVE  
ME TEASER,  
AND IT GAVE  
ME HOPE.



I MET YOU  
AT THAT  
SCHOOL...  
AND HERE...

Start  
Now

you have  
nothing.

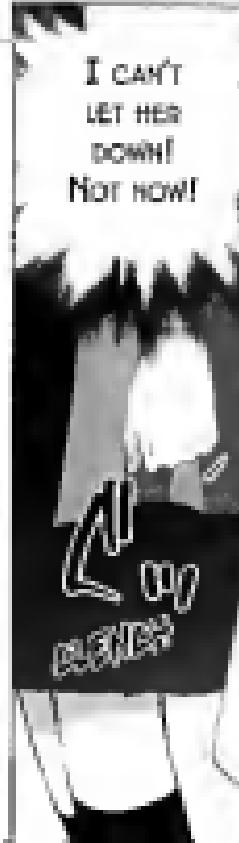
to their



I wanted  
to keep  
acting!

at least

...let me  
help you!







Gy  
startles





You're  
absolutely  
right about  
my attitude!



I believe  
you can  
help me to  
be happy  
so change  
me!



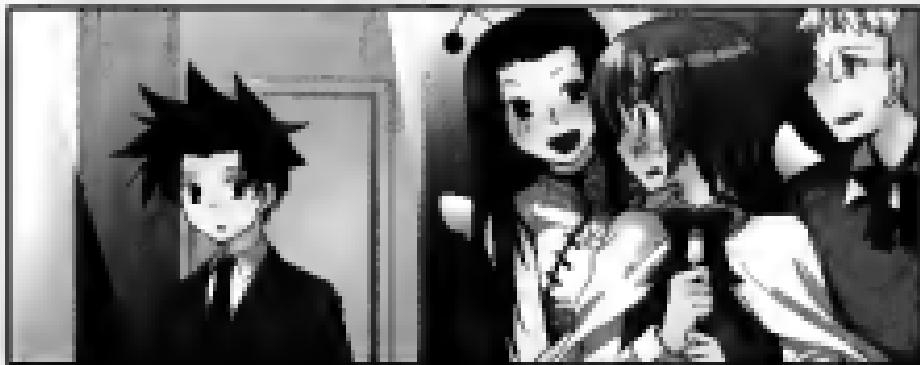
SHE  
FOUND IT!

TREMBLE

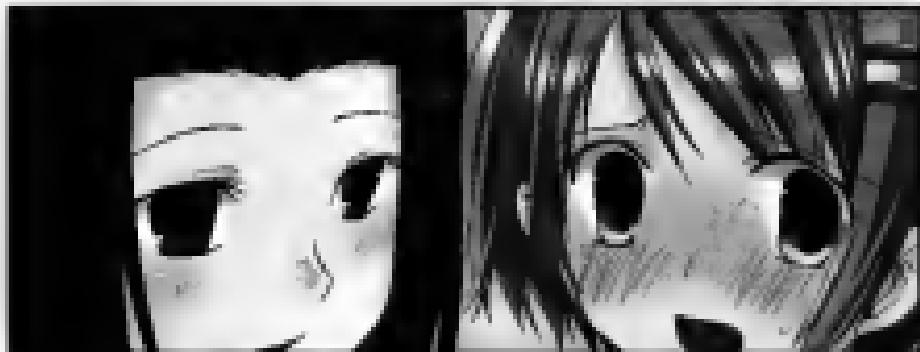


Well?!

Let me  
see you  
do it!



SHE WAS A NORMAL GIRL WHO HATED BEING  
THE CENTER OF ATTENTION.



BUT WITH LOTS OF EFFORT AND SUPPORT  
ON THE PART OF HER FRIENDS...



Here she is, right now...

# Want Forget The Day Chapter 13







MAYBE IT  
WAS JUST THAT  
SHE SUDDENLY  
SPKE LOUDLY...  
PEOPLE MAY  
EVEN SAY  
THAT IT WAS  
NOTHEROL.



IT WAS A  
SHOUT...  
NO, A  
ROAR...  
TO HUMANOID.





**SHE PLAYS  
THE ADVENT.**



Even  
racists  
and  
fanatics

...run into  
THE BACK OF  
HER HEAD.

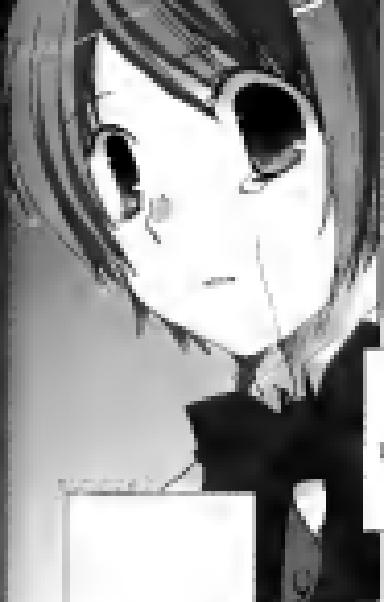


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SHE ISN'T  
DO OR NOT  
THOUGHT...  
HER DOUBTS

*...love  
you!  
I always  
have!*

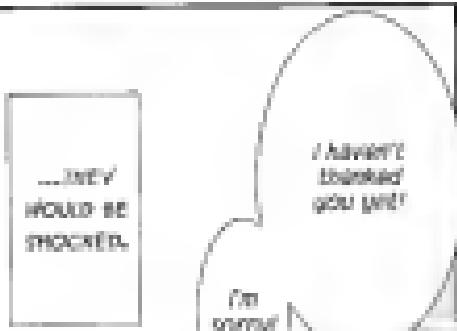




Oh...

KONOZOME

Where are you?



...THEY  
WOULD BE  
SHOCKED.

IF ONLY  
THOSE WHO  
KNEW HER  
BEFORE  
COULD SEE  
HER NOW...

Are you  
good there?

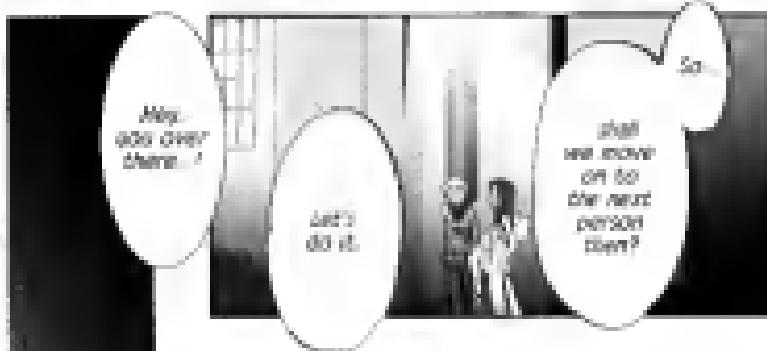
I can't  
see you  
anymore

I'm so  
glad  
to be  
alive!





# SHINE



**BRAVO!**













110  
CLAP

110  
CLAP

110  
CLAP

...FORGET  
THIS DAY.

110  
CLAP

CLAP

Thank  
you very  
much!

My CHATTER  
Zine

It will  
really  
sound

The last  
scene  
was very  
touching

CHATTER

There's a vote  
to decide which  
theater club  
will remain and  
which one will  
be disbanded.

If you liked  
our play,  
please vote  
for us and  
put a coin in  
this box

Reason #8  
out the  
questionnaire too

Please come  
over here

Muuugg!

Reason  
#7  
Reason  
#6

Reason #5  
Reason #4  
Reason #3







open!

Let's go, Chobos.





What I mean is...  
It was good.





BUT...  
THE MOST IMPORTANT BATTLE HAS  
JUST BEGUN!







Ready,  
go!

BANG



Everybody  
count  
together...



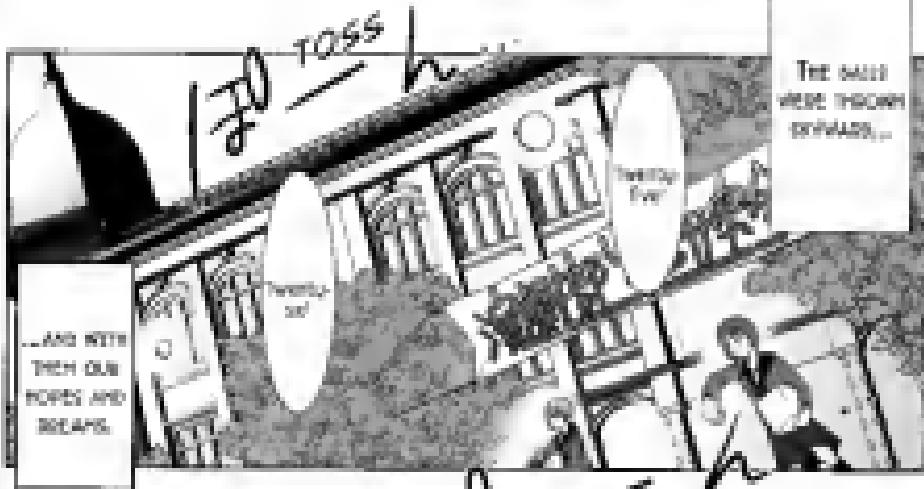
One!



Take the Survey



## Showdown Chapter 19





We have  
our winner!  
The Official  
Theater  
Group!

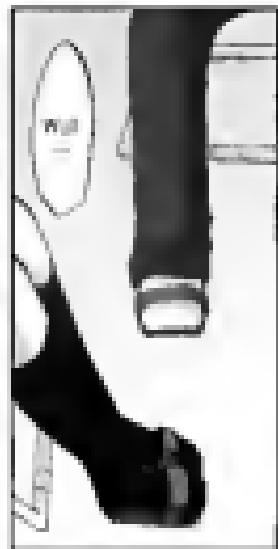
They will  
remain as  
our school's  
sole theater  
club!

Our  
moment of  
glory when  
ended their

IT WAS  
A HUGE  
HONOR TO  
ALL OF  
US.

CLAP













I was  
stressed.

Not only was  
she actually  
doing it,  
but she was  
doing it fast.



I wanted  
AT THE  
TIME.

Well, I'm  
not in the  
theater  
group.  
So are  
you asking  
me to  
quit?

All  
right...  
I will.



I never  
knew you  
were the  
one who  
planted the  
idea in her  
head.



NOSTALGIA

Let's

When I  
look back  
at it,  
she really  
caused  
a lot of  
trouble...

RINNE  
JOINED TWO  
DAYS LATER.

I want  
to join  
your club.

It's not some  
important  
thing I have  
to confess to  
all of you!

Wait a  
minute.  
You played  
your own  
part in the  
whole thing

You came to  
us suddenly  
even though  
I don't know  
why you  
came at all



How many  
times do  
I have to  
tell you?  
It's her life  
and her body!

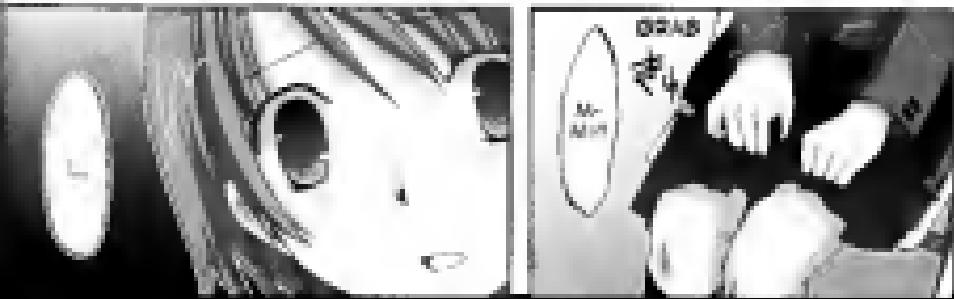
You're  
being  
stupid!

I saw MIKE  
REALLY  
DESERVED  
AND ASKED  
WHO WINS?

...just like  
...a day  
ago

BANG







After  
All...

L...

Just  
Feel  
Frustrated

I ONLY  
CAUSED THEM  
TRouble.

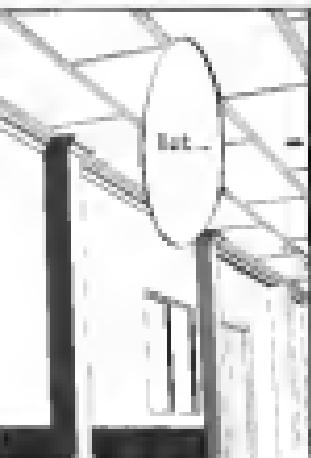
Everybody  
else tried  
their best...

If I had  
tried  
harder  
I could  
have  
done it!

If I had  
practiced  
more  
seriously  
from the  
beginning...

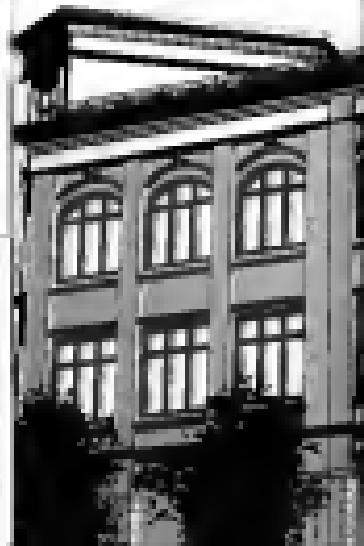
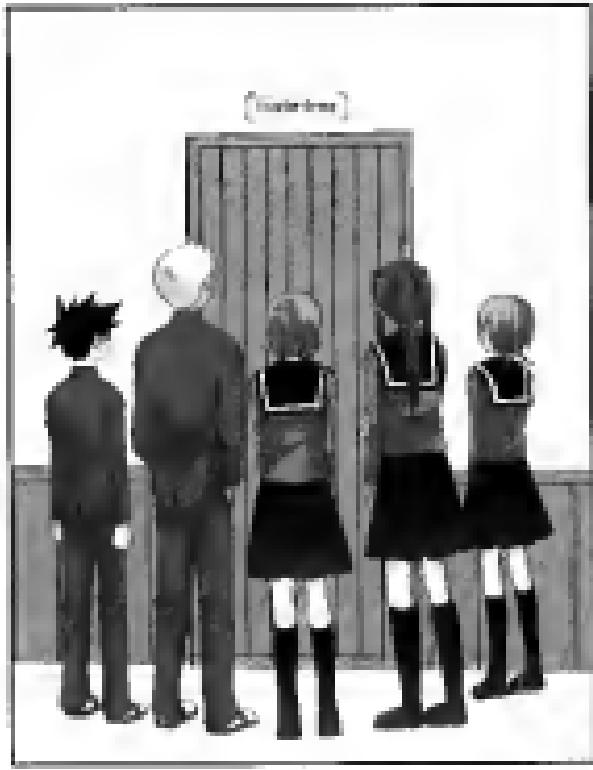
I'm  
Sorry!

IT'S  
ALL  
MY  
FAULT!





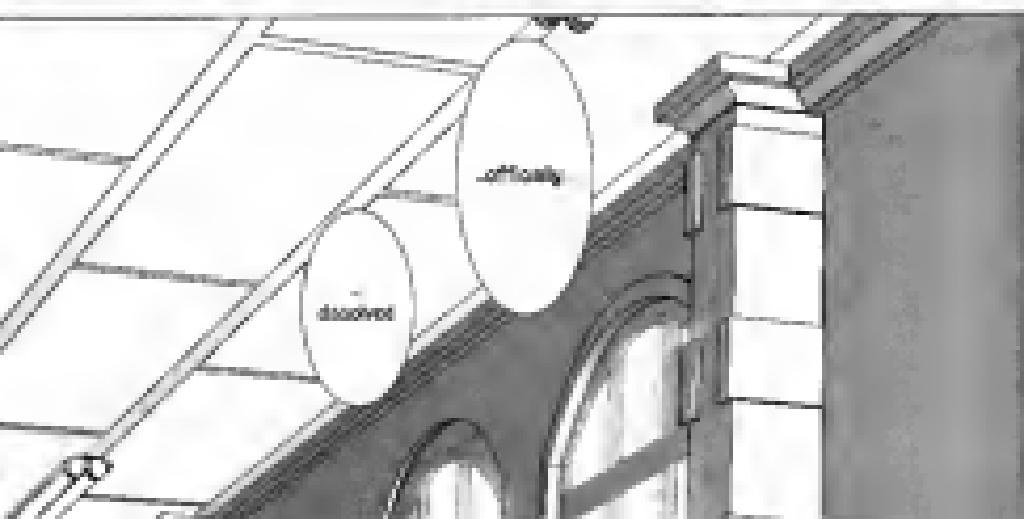
# Theater Group













Theater Group



Close Chapter Chapter 20

The  
Festival's  
over and  
our club is  
no more.



THE SENIORS  
LOOK BUSY...  
AND WORRIED  
ABOUT THEIR  
FUTURE.

We only got  
TOGETHER  
EVERY WEEK  
BECAUSE OF  
THE CLUB  
ACTIVITIES.

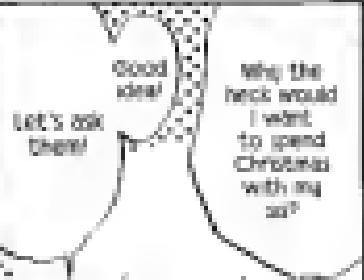
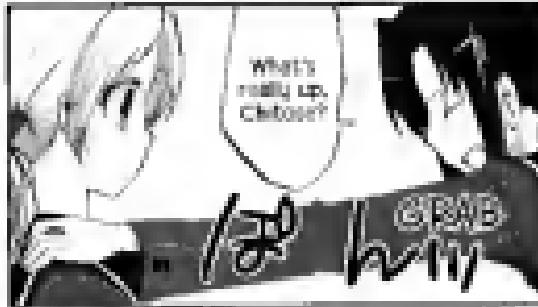
THAT'S WHAT  
KAI THINKS,  
AND HEY,  
HE'S RIGHT.

AS FOR  
KAI AND  
ME...

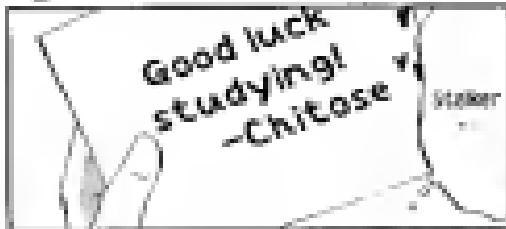
...WE'LL  
GO BACK TO OUR  
NORMAL HIGH  
SCHOOL LIVES.



...have a Christmas party with all of the seniors from our clubs!







## UNDERSTAND?





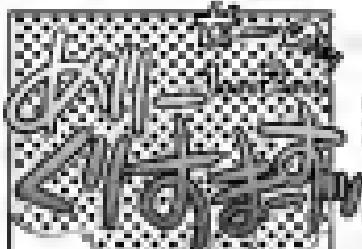












Merry  
Christmas!





TA-DAH!

I submitted  
an absence  
excuse!

Why  
aren't  
you in  
class!!

Why not??  
And  
where's  
with  
all the  
gloom?

Don't try  
to borrow  
money from  
us in the  
future...

It's your  
dead-end  
life after  
all.

What  
is  
that?

I have a bad  
homework  
so I can't  
come today.  
Please give me  
credit though.

It can't  
be  
helped...  
Be  
strong.  
Because...

Don't  
try for  
me!

I just  
hoped we  
could all  
graduate  
together.



ANSWER PRACTICE TO  
THE QUESTIONS

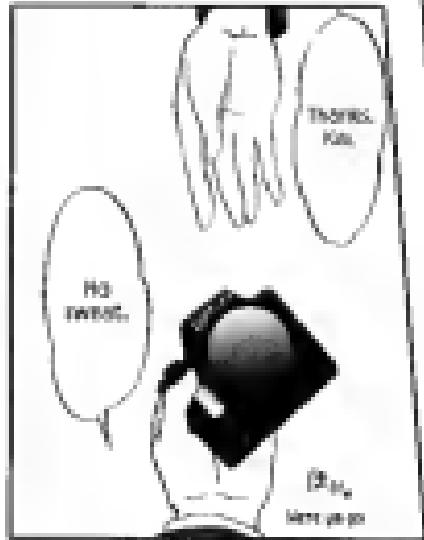


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# Best Friends Chapter 21



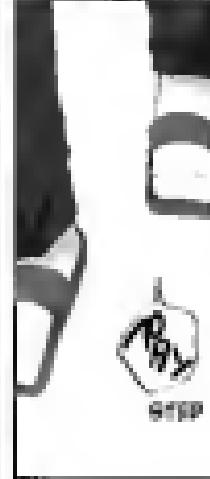
IN LIFE,  
WHEN YOU  
HAVE TWO  
CHOICES...

...YOU'LL HAVE  
LESS REGRETS  
LATER IF YOU  
CHOOSE TO  
DO IT.

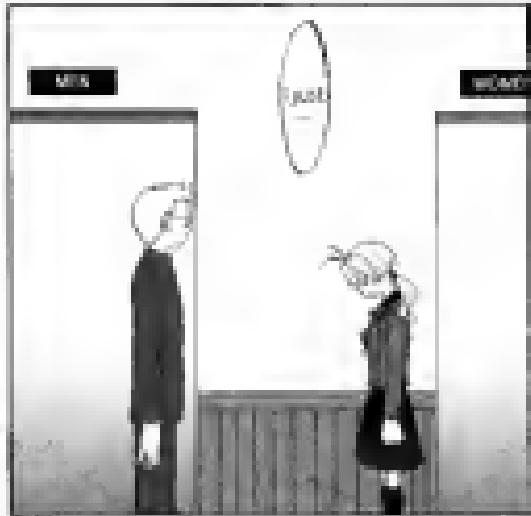
...AND THOSE  
CHOICES  
ARE TO DO  
SOMETHING  
OR NOT DO  
SOMETHING...

I MAY BE  
REFUSED,  
BUT I HAVE  
TO TRY  
FOR HER...  
THAT'S NOT  
WHO I AM.

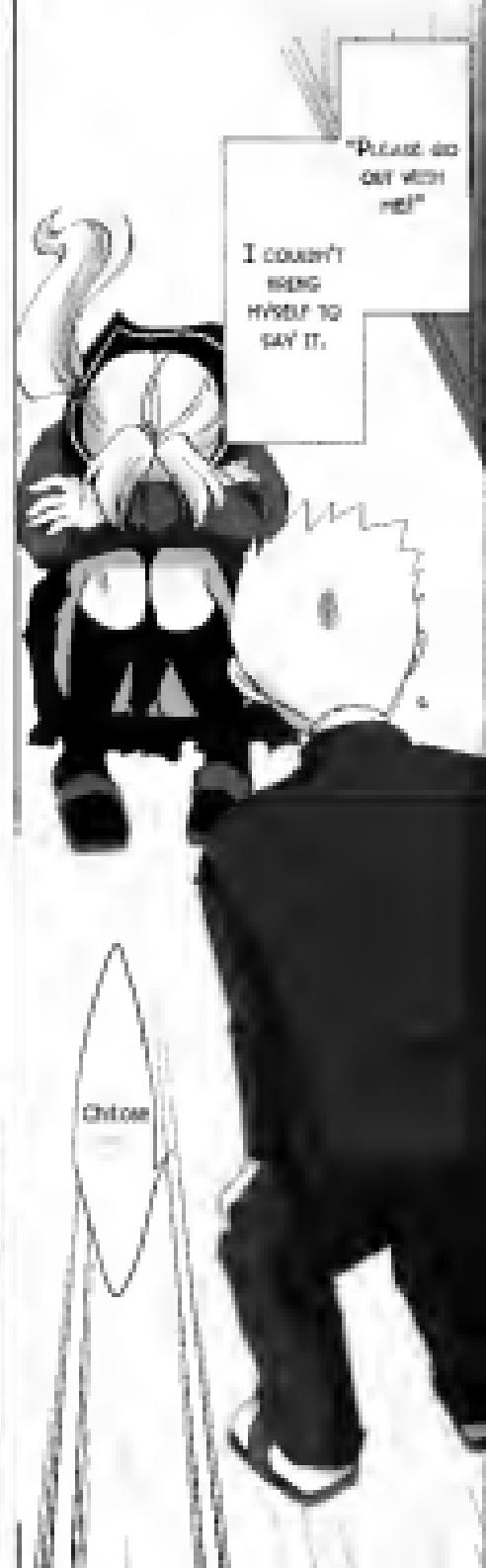
IT'S NOT  
LIKE ME  
TO HAVE  
REGRETS!



MEN











PHEW!









How I know  
why she  
wanted to  
have this  
snowball fight.



It's every  
man for  
himself,  
big boy!

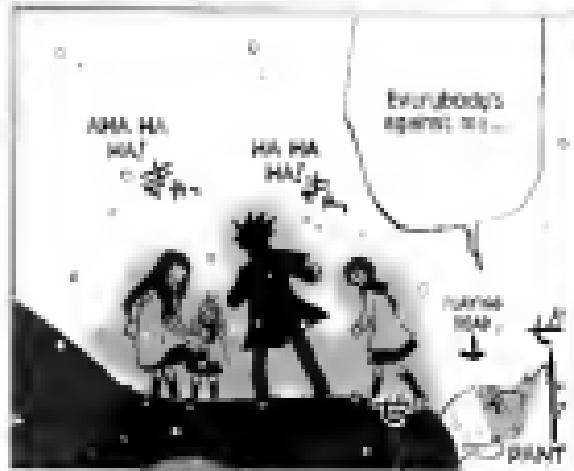
Why are  
you guys  
attacking  
me??



But if it  
makes her  
feel better...



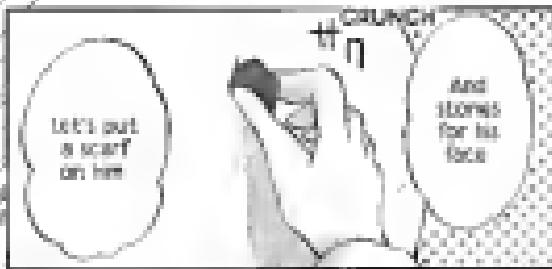




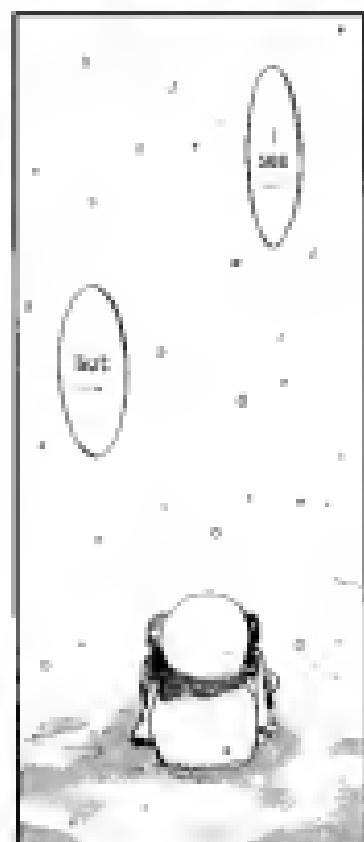
# RISE



















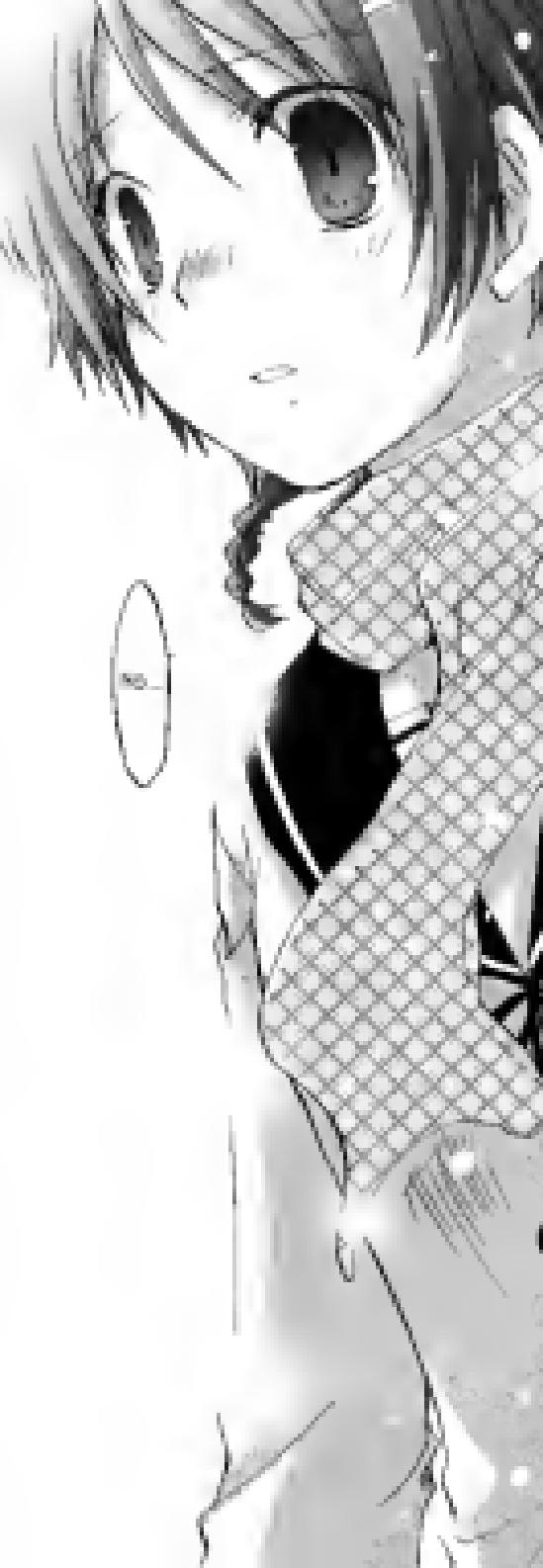


What?

What  
do you  
mean?

I won't  
be here...

next  
year





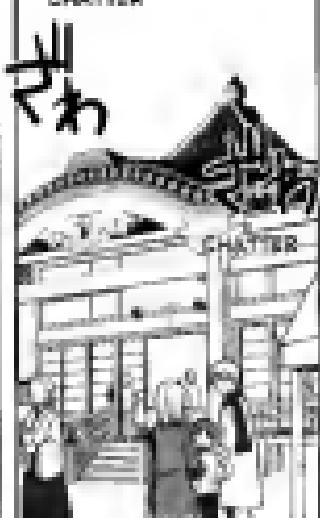


We Were Together Chapter 22







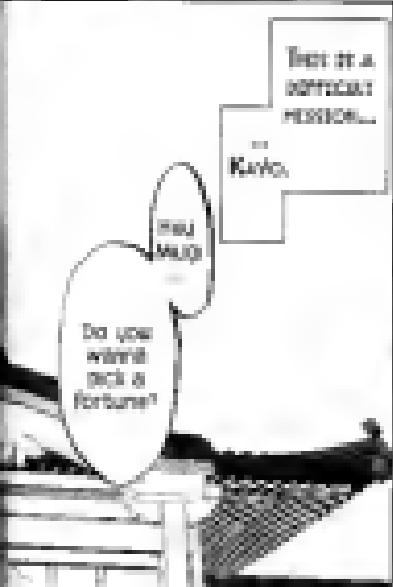


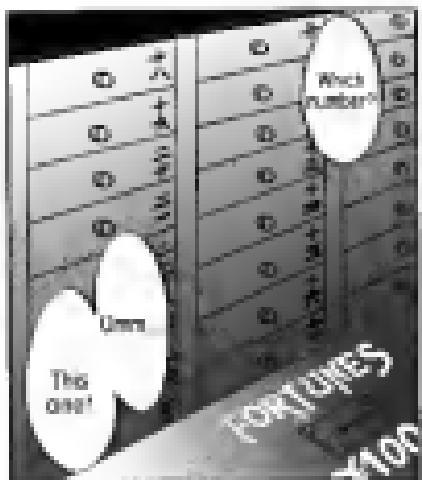






I have to give  
Mugi some  
distance until  
I go...







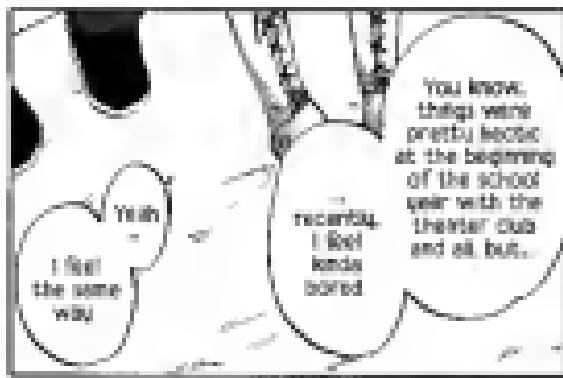




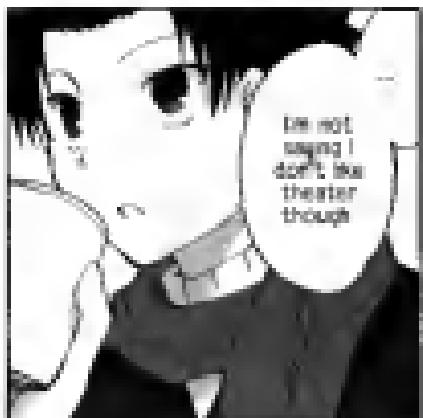




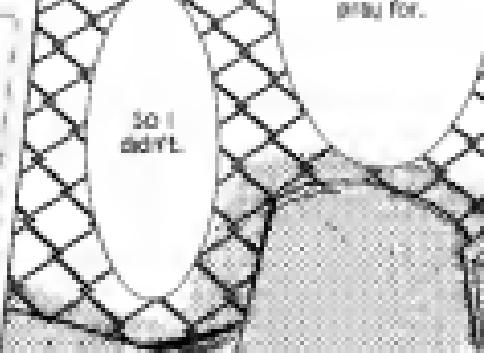














You know what my personality is like, right?

She took care of me very well and I've always depended on her.

SO -



That's when her dad took her to a photo gallery, and she was inspired.

Ever since she was in elementary school,

It's been her dream to be a photographer.







CRUMPS

...not  
a good  
friend.



Because  
I can't  
be a  
true  
friend  
anymore.

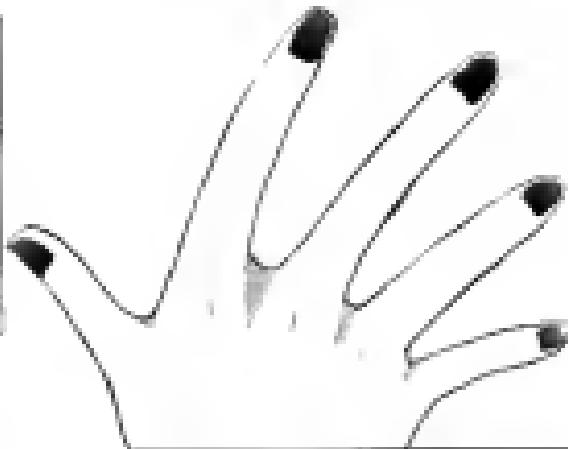
I never  
deserved  
to have a  
friend like  
Kudo.



# Hitchira Jr.

...in Mio's  
hand when  
she was in  
the second  
year of  
junior high!

Brrr...





But it is  
on the  
neck!



Also,  
it feels  
like I'm  
an adult.



Let's  
get  
some nail  
polish today!

Help!

## BROWSING

